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1. I SHARE YOUR ACUTE CONCERN AND FRUSTRATION OVER UNDERTAINTY OF PLANS RE NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS IN FOKLIFE FESTIVAL. WE HAVE TRIED ALL WEEKEND TO REACH ENAHORO AND ASHIWAJU (WHO ARE IN BENIN) BUT TO NO AVAIL. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH ASHIWAJU'S OFFICE AND ASSISTANT WHO IS AS ANXIOUS TO HAVE ENAHORO'S CLEARANCE FOR DEPARTURE AS WE ARE. ACCORDING TO HIM, ASHIWAJU SCHEDULED RETURN LAGOS EVENING JULY 1. WILL CONTACT HIM SOONEST AND ADVISE.

2. MEANWHILE, THERE IS AT LEAST SOME INDICATION THAT PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN FOR TROUPE'S DEPARTURE. PASSPORTS HAVE BEEN SECURED FOR 54 TROUPE MEMBERS AND WERE SUBMITTED LATE THIS AFTERNOON FOR U.S. VISAS.
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